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**MINNESOTA'S NOVEMBER MILK OUTPUT DOWN 1 PERCENT**

November 2004 milk production totaled 639 million pounds in Minnesota, down 1 percent from the 646 million pounds produced in November 2003, according to the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service. Revised October milk output was 656 million pounds.

Minnesota production per cow averaged 1,390 pounds in November 2004, the same as last November. The revised October rate was 1,425 pounds per cow. The average number of milk cows on farms in Minnesota during November 2004 was 460,000 head, the same as revised October inventory, but down 5,000 a year ago.

Accumulated Minnesota milk production for the first 11 months of 2004 was 7.42 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the same period a year ago.

**NOVEMBER MILK PRODUCTION UP 1 PERCENT IN MAJOR STATES**

Milk production during November 2004 totaled 11.85 billion pounds, up 1 percent from November 2003 in the 20 major states. Revised October production for the 20 states was 12.25 billion pounds. Production per cow in the 20 states averaged 1,526 pounds during November 2004, up 9 pounds from November 2003. Revised October output per cow was 1,578 pounds. The number of milk cows in the 20 major states during November averaged 7.77 million head, up 44,000 from a year ago.

Accumulated milk production in the 20 major states for the first 11 months of 2004 was 135.98 billion pounds, up less than half of 1 percent from the same period a year ago.

**MILK PRODUCTION, MAJOR STATES**

State	MILK COWS			RATE PER COW			MILK PRODUCTION			
	Nov 2003	Oct 2004 Rev.	Nov 2004	Nov 2003	Oct 2004 Rev.	Nov 2004	Nov 2003	Oct 2004 Rev.	Nov 2004	2004 as % of 2003
	<u>Thousand Head</u>			<u>Pounds</u>			<u>Million Pounds</u>			<u>Percent</u>
CA	1,694	1,740	1,741	1,665	1,770	1,700	2,821	3,080	2,960	105
ID	412	434	436	1,740	1,800	1,720	717	781	750	105
<b>MN</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>1,390</b>	<b>1,425</b>	<b>1,390</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>656</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>99</b>
NY	660	650	646	1,410	1,470	1,410	931	956	911	98
PA	560	563	563	1,420	1,465	1,420	795	825	799	101
WI	1,249	1,238	1,237	1,410	1,475	1,415	1,761	1,826	1,750	99
20 States	7,721	7,765	7,765	1,517	1,578	1,526	11,709	12,254	11,846	101